

REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests that prosecution of this application proceed on claims 4-7. In view of the foregoing amendmens, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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